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Sir:

The following is intended to be fully responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 29, 2008 ("the Office Action"). The undersigned respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the amendments and arguments presented herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.